must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

### David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL99-10-000]

### City of Las Cruces, New Mexico v. El Paso Electric Company; Notice of Filing

January 14, 1999.

Take notice that on December 21, 1998, the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico (City), filed a supplement to its Complaint filed on November 12, 1998, in the above-docketed proceeding seeking a Commission order directing El Paso Electric Company (EPE) to provide wholesale power to the City.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before January 22, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

## Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-142-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on January 7, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company

(Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-142-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to operate an existing delivery point upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions of Part 284 Subpart I of the Commission's Regulations; and for authorization to upgrade eight existing delivery points, including the delivery point upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions, to accommodate incremental natural gas deliveries to UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UCU) under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the upgrade of the Farmington 1B TBS, installed pursuant to emergency regulations, was required due to extreme winter weather conditions and fear of facility failure in order to assure the protection of approximately 2,180 residential customers served by this station.

Northern states that it also requests authorization to further upgrade the Farmington 1B TBS and seven other existing delivery points and appurtenant facilities, all located in Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota, to accommodate incremental natural gas deliveries to UCU under currently effective throughput service agreement(s). All construction activities will be confined to within the existing TBS yards. Northern states that UCU has requested the proposed upgrades in order to provide incremental natural gas service to the existing delivery points.

The estimated incremental volumes proposed to be delivered to UCU at the upgraded delivery points are: 1,185 Dth on peak day and 142,687 Dth annually at Arnolds Park #1 TBS; 182 Dth on peak day and 20,621 Dth annually at North Bend #1A TBS; 242 Dth on peak day and 26,531 Dth annually at Eagle #1 TBS; 1,632 Dth on peak day and 177,814 Dth annually at Elkhorn #1A TBS; 285 Dth on peak day and 30,601 Dth annually at Valley #1A TBS; 85 Dth on peak day and 8,379 Dth annually at Mead #1 TBS; 184 Dth on peak day and 19,892 Dth annually at Waverly #1 TBS and 408 Dth on peak day and 59,554 Dth annually at Farmington #1B TBS.

The total cost to upgrade facilities at the Farmington #1B TBS under the emergency regulations was approximately \$1,150 which will be paid for by UCU in accordance with Section 284.264(a)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Regulations. Northern states that the total estimated cost to further upgrade the Farmington #1B TBS and seven other existing delivery points is \$922,000 which will be financed in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1.

Northern states that the proposed activity is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed changes without detriment or disadvantage to Northern's other customers. The total volumes to be delivered to the customer after the request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

#### David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-144-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 15, 1999.

Take notice that on January 11, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124–1000, filed in Docket No. CP99–144–000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon and remove the Hugo #1 Town Border Station, including appurtenant facilities and approximately 250 feet of 2-inch upstream pipeline, located in